

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING



The Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing is for students with advanced abilities in the writing of fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and hybrid forms. This nationally-ranked program offers a balance of intimate and intensive writing workshops with courses in literature, form and technique, and related electives. Coursework culminates in a book-length collection of short stories/poems/essays or a novel or memoir, as well as a comprehensive portfolio.

Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

Learning Objectives

Students will:

1. Produce book-length publication-quality literary work that demonstrates a command of the forms and conventions of their chosen genre.
2. Demonstrate a personal literary aesthetic and articulate the literary, cultural, and historical sources that inform it.
3. Draw on advanced close reading and interpretive skills to critically analyze and situate their own and others' literary works within aesthetic, formal, and cultural contexts.
4. Apply advanced revision strategies by critically synthesizing feedback from faculty and peers toward publication-quality work in the chosen genre.

Requirements Effective Spring 2018

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from the following:		3
E 513A	Form and Technique in Modern Literature: Fiction	
E 513B	Form and Technique in Modern Literature: Poetry	
E 513C	Form and Technique in Modern Literature: Essay	
Select 12 credits (4 courses) in any one genre from the following:		12
E 640A	Graduate Writing Workshop: Fiction	

E 640B	Graduate Writing Workshop: Poetry	
E 640C	Graduate Writing Workshop: Essay	
E 699	Thesis	12
Additional credits in E 500- or E 600-level courses ¹		18-20
One course outside English Department, 300-level or above ²		1-3
Program Total Credits:		48

A minimum of 48 credits are required to complete this program.

Additional Program Requirements:

- Students are required to submit a portfolio with writing, sample papers, and annotated bibliography at the end of their program.
- A minimum of 32 credits applied to an MFA degree must be earned at CSU. Of these, at least 21 must be earned after admission to the program.
- Graduate courses taken at CSU prior to admission to the Graduate School can be applied to an MFA degree if the grade earned is B or higher.
- At least 16 credits earned at CSU and applied to an MFA degree must be English courses at the 500-level or higher; of these credits, at least 12 must be in "regular" courses. English courses considered to be other than "regular" include E 607B, E 684, E 687, E 695, E 699, and any courses graded pass/fail.
- Courses transferred from an MFA program must have a grade of B or higher and must have a CSU equivalent at the 500-level or higher. Credits used to fulfill requirements for previously earned degrees are not accepted.
- Up to three credits of coursework for an MFA degree can come from CSU programs outside the English department at the 300-level or higher. Students can take two additional courses outside the department, but these courses must be 500-level or higher.
- Graduate students may register for any number of internship credits, but a total of only six credits of E 607B, E 684, and E 687 (combined) will count toward graduation.
- A maximum of two credits of E 695 can count toward an MFA degree.
- With the exception of specified courses, all courses taken in the English department and applied to an MFA degree must be taken at the 500-level or above.

¹ This must include one course (3 credits) of a Pre-Twentieth-Century Literature class with approval of advisor.

² This requirement may be waived for students whose undergraduate degree is in another major.

Requirements for All Graduate Degrees

For more information, please visit Requirements for All Graduate Degrees (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/graduate-study/procedures-requirements-all-degrees/>) in the Graduate

and Professional Bulletin (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

Summary of Procedures for the Master's and Doctoral Degrees

NOTE: Each semester the Graduate School publishes a schedule of deadlines. Deadlines are available on the Graduate School website (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/deadline-dates/>). Students should consult this schedule whenever they approach important steps in their careers.

Forms (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/forms/>) are available online.

Step	Due Date
1. Application for admission (online)	Six months before first registration
2. Diagnostic examination when required	Before first registration
3. Appointment of advisor	Before first registration
4. Selection of graduate committee	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
5. Filing of program of study (GS Form 6)	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
6. Preliminary examination (Ph.D. and PD)	Two terms prior to final examination
7. Report of preliminary examination (GS Form 16) - (Ph.D. and PD)	Within two working days after results are known
8. Changes in committee (GS Form 9A)	When change is made
9. Application for Graduation (GS Form 25)	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
9a. Reapplication for Graduation (online)	Failure to graduate requires Reapplication for Graduation (online) for the next time term for which you are applying
10. Submit thesis or dissertation to committee	At least two weeks prior to the examination or at the discretion of the graduate committee
11. Final examination	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
12. Report of final examination (GS Form 24)	Within two working days after results are known; refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
13. Submit a signed Thesis/Dissertation Submission Form (GS Form 30) to the Graduate School and Submit the Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. only) prior to submitting the electronic thesis/dissertation	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website.
14. Submit the thesis/dissertation electronically	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
15. Graduation	Ceremony information is available from the Graduate School website